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**REQUEST FOR REFUND OF CLAIMS OVER 20, INDEPENDENT CLAIMS OVER
3 AND MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a refund of the following fees paid by applicant in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application:

Total Claim over 20 fee of \$180, paid on July 13, 2004;
Independent Claims over 4 fee of \$172.00 paid on July 13, 2004;
Multiple Dependent Claims fee of \$290.00 paid on July 13, 2004.

Upon filing the application on July 13, 2004, the USPTO charged applicant a total of \$642.00 for 10 Claims over total of 20 claims, 2 Independent claims over 3 and multiple-dependent claims.

On August 2, 2006, applicants were again charged a total of \$642.00 for 10 Claims over total of 20 claims, 2 Independent claims over 3 and multiple-dependent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that he is entitled to a full and complete refund of \$642.00 since applicant was charged twice for the same fees (once on July 13, 2004 and again on August 2, 2006).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing facts, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner refund \$642.00 to applicant by crediting Deposit Account No. 14-1270. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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